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Rep. Goyke's Innovative Corrections Reform Initiative Takes an Important Step Forward

Representative Goyke's Corrections Reform Earns Administration's Approval

MADISON – Today Rep. Goyke commended the Administration's announcement to adopt a smaller, risk-based regionalized juvenile corrections system similar to that of Missouri, as well as the initiative to repurpose Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake into an adult facility.

Following the announcement today by the Governor, Rep. Goyke made the following statement:

“The new policy initiatives unveiled today demonstrate exciting progress in reforming Wisconsin's corrections systems.

I am proud to have led the legislature in these efforts. Late last year I authored Assembly Bill 791, which would repurpose Lincoln Hills to an adult facility and adopt a regionalized risk-based model for juvenile corrections.

It is exciting that these innovative ideas are gaining support, however, the initiatives proposed today do not have to wait for the next Governor. Assembly Bill 791 has been referred to the Assembly Corrections Committee and I call upon my majority party colleagues to hold a public hearing on this bi-partisan bill.

Today Wisconsin is taking its first step in meaningful corrections reform. I will continue to work hard and lead Wisconsin to ensure these meaningful reforms are implemented swiftly and correctly.”

At the end of last year Rep. Goyke conducted a policy briefing to the state legislature on the Wisconsin prison system. The briefing included an analysis of the State of Wisconsin's correctional system, an examination of reforms adopted in conservative states across the country, and a discussion of legislative solutions.

The presentation included the introduction of Assembly Bill 791, which first proposed many of the changes moving forward today.

The legislation may be found here: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/proposals/ab791>

The information presented is contained in the work *Inmate 501*, written by Rep. Goyke and available at: <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/18/goyke/inmate-501-adult-and-juvenile-corrections-reform/>

A video of the presentation is available at: <http://www.wiseeye.org/Video-Archive/Event-Detail/evhdid/12017>

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